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should reach Palestine from the south. El Arish, the border town between Palestine and Egypt, on the coast south of Gaza, has suffered with the rest of Egypt, and it is not strange that it should make its way thence to Gaza. Again, it is very natural that it should appear at Lydda, for it is one of the largest market centers in Palestine, people coming in great numbers from all parts of the country to attend the weekly cattle fair held at that place.

The prospect for business and travel the coming season is far from bright. The number of cases reported above means the number of deaths.

I will add that the health of Jerusalem during the summer and autumn thus far has been remarkably good.

Respectfully,

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The ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

*Foreign and insular statistical reports of countries and cities—Yearly and monthly.*

AUSTRALIA—*New South Wales—New Castle.*—Month of September, 1902. Estimated population, 48,225. Total number of deaths, 53, including measles, 2, and 1 death from whooping cough.

*Queensland—Brisbane.*—Month of July, 1902. Estimated population, 119,907. Total number of deaths, 76, including diphtheria, 1, and 1 from plague.

AUSTRIA—*Brunn.*—Month of August, 1902. Estimated population, 95,342. Total number of deaths, 115, including enteric fever, 1; measles, 3; scarlet fever, 1, and 31 from tuberculosis.

Month of September, 1902. Total number of deaths, 108, including measles, 1, and 26 from tuberculosis.

BAHAMAS—*Dunmore Town.*—Two weeks ended November 21, 1902. Estimated population, 1,232. One death. No contagious diseases.

*Governors Harbor.*—Week ended November 22, 1902. Estimated population, 1,500. No deaths and no contagious diseases.

*Green Turtle Cay—Abaco.*—Four weeks ended November 19, 1902. Estimated population, 3,314. No deaths and no contagious diseases.

*Nassau.*—Two weeks ended November 22, 1902. Estimated population, 12,535. Number of deaths not reported. No contagious diseases reported.

FRANCE—*St. Etienne.*—Two weeks ended October 31, 1902. Estimated population, 146,559. Total number of deaths, 119, including diphtheria, 2; enteric fever, 2, and 13 from tuberculosis.

GERMANY—*Dresden.*—Month of September, 1902. Estimated population, 404,600. Total number of deaths, 590, including diphtheria, 2; enteric fever, 4; measles, 3; whooping cough, 8, and 65 from phthisis pulmonalis.

*Weimar.*—Month of October, 1902. Estimated population, 29,116. Total number of deaths, 33. No contagious diseases reported.

**GREAT BRITAIN—England and Wales.**—The deaths registered in 76 great towns in England and Wales during the week ended November 1, 1902, correspond to an annual rate of 16.6 per 1,000 of the aggregate population, which is estimated at 14,862,151.

*Bradford.*—Two weeks ended November 1, 1902. Estimated population, 281,770. Total number of deaths, 164, including diphtheria, 7; enteric fever, 2; measles, 3; scarlet fever, 1, and 10 from tuberculosis.

*London.*—One thousand four hundred and thirty-three deaths were registered during the week, including measles, 41; scarlet fever, 13; diphtheria, 32; whooping cough, 21; enteric fever, 20, and diarrhea, 32. The deaths from all causes correspond to an annual rate of 16.3 per 1,000. In Greater London 1,882 deaths were registered. In the “outer ring” the deaths included 5 from diphtheria, 4 from measles, 2 from scarlet fever, and 2 from whooping cough.

*Ireland.*—The average annual death rate represented by the deaths registered during the week ended November 1, 1902, in the 21 principal town districts of Ireland was 21.1 per 1,000 of the population, which is estimated at 1,092,401. The lowest rate was recorded in Lisburn, viz, 0.0, and the highest in Waterford, viz, 35.1 per 1,000. In Dublin and suburbs 183 deaths were registered, including diphtheria, 1; enteric fever, 2; measles, 16; scarlet fever, 3; whooping cough 1, and 33 from tuberculosis.

*Scotland.*—The deaths registered in 8 principal towns during the week ended November 1, 1902, correspond to an annual rate of 18.9 per 1,000 of the population, which is estimated at 1,679,923. The lowest mortality was recorded in Perth, viz, 14.1, and the highest in Dundee and Paisley, viz, 19.9, per 1,000. The aggregate number of deaths registered from all causes was 612, including diphtheria, 6; measles, 5; scarlet fever, 7, and 16 from whooping cough.

**JAVA—Batavia.**—Week ended October 4, 1902. Estimated population, 150,000. Total number of deaths not reported. Thirty-eight deaths from cholera reported.

Week ended October 18, 1902. Thirty-eight deaths from cholera reported.

**NORFOLK ISLAND.**—Month of September, 1902. Estimated population, 906. Total number of deaths, 2. No contagious diseases.